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Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROGRAMMING
USER-DEFINED INFORMATION INTO ELECTRONIC
DEVICES

Examiner : Tuan H. Nguyen

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with MPEP §§ 2001 and 2002, applicant hereby makes the documents listed below of record in the above-identified application.

U.S. Patents

Bottum	Patent No. 6,014,569	January, 2000
Luzzato et al.	Patent No. 6,449,359	September, 2002

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U.S. Patent No. 6,496,692

U.S. Patent application No. 09/518,846 (abandoned, some similar claims)

U.S. Patent No. 7,149,509

U.S. Patent No. 7,295,864 (some similar claims)

U.S. Patent application No. 10/915,866 (notice of allowance received)

U.S. Patent No. 7,257,395

U.S. Patent No. 7,289,798

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,122 (pending rejection)

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,142 (some similar or identical claims)

It is respectfully requested the Examiner fully consider these and any associated documents during the examination of this application, make them of record, and indicate his or her consideration of the documents by initialing the enclosed Citation List adjacent the citation of each document, and print them on any patent that may issue on this application. It is requested that a copy of the initialed Citation form be returned to the applicant's undersigned Attorney.

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Makelaet et al.	Patent No. 6,501,967	December, 2002
Rolf	Patent No. 7,065,342	June, 2006

Foreign Office Action

Canadian Office Action Dated September 19, 2006 (copy included)

Foreign Patent Document

Canadian Patent No. 2,436,872 (Applicant's corresponding Canadian Patent)

O 851 649 A2	Dec., 1997	EP
WO 9928897	Dec., 1997	WO
WO 9943136	Feb., 1998	WO
WO 98/11487	Mar., 1998	WO
WO 0038340	Dec., 1998	WO
WO 00/36857	Jun., 2000	WO
09205471	Aug., 1997	JP

Related Cases


Applicant again draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case. These cases may be considered to have claims substantially similar to, and thus are material to, the patentability of the claims in this case. Other than the '122 and '142 applications (filed December 2006), all of the cases below have been previously brought to the Examiner's attention in and IDS filed in August 2006.

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As this application was filed after June 30, 2003 copies of cited patents and applications are not required, and are therefore not included.

Included is a USPTO Credit card payment form that authorizes charges of \$180.00 in payment of the IDS fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and 1.97(c)(2).

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